

(3) whether the department has made any enquiry in the matter?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(1) No.

(2) Such a matter has not been brought to the notice of this department.

(3) No answer is necessary in view of the answers given above.

Keeping sweet-meats for sale exposed on the Roads in the State.

33. Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they are aware of the practice of the petty sweet-meat vendors, in the towns of the State, exposing sweet-meats on road-sides and in road-side shops without any covering to protect them from infection; and

(2) whether there is any law here to prevent this insanitary practice?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(1) Yes; these are exposed for sale on public roads in all parts of the State.

(2) No.

Relief measures in case of floods.

34. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state what all precautionary measures they have taken for the relief of the people living in the areas which may be affected in case floods occur?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—All the Tahsildars were instructed so early as 12th Edavam 1107 by the Diwan Peishkar to take precautionary measures on the lines indicated in the following extracts from his circular letter to all Tahsildars.

“We are having very bad weather. I hope you are keeping yourself in close touch with the conditions in the areas usually affected by floods. When floods do come—and you know they come suddenly—you should not be caught unawares. You must have everything ready for rescue and relief work, so that there may not be any difficulty or hurly-burly in actually meeting the situation satisfactorily. I would particularly invite your attention to the following points:—

(i) Boats to be made ready for use at any time.

(ii) Buildings to be used as relief camps to be arranged at the most within half an hour.

(iii) Local merchants and dealers in rice near the relief camps to be ready at all times with 20 or 30 bags of rice. Of course, money should be asked for only when there is actual necessity for it, and *not* for making preliminary precautionary preparations".

Hospitals of the State.

35. Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether the remarks made by the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer and non-officials in the visitors' books maintained at the Hospitals in Nemmara, Kunnamkulam and Nanniode during the last two years have been forwarded to the Government;

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon;

(c) whether there is any urgent necessity for carrying out the improvements suggested;

(d) whether the public are not inconvenienced a good deal for want of proper facilities noted in the visitors' books;

(e) whether the Government are aware of the seriousness of the situation;

(f) is there any prospect of the defects being remedied in the near future;

(g) what approximately is the amount required to effect the improvements suggested;

(h) does the budget for 1933 include sufficient amount for this department to meet these necessities?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) Yes.

(b) They have been noted.

(c) Some of the items are urgent.

(d) In some cases slight inconvenience is caused.

(e) They know that these works have to be taken up as early as possible.

(f) Will depend on the budget provisions.

(g) Nemmara Hospital	Rs.	30,150
Kunnamkulam "	"	18,650
Nanniode Dispensary	"	9,000

Total	"	57,800
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(h) The member is referred to programme for 1933 of the P. W. D. under "Buildings Originals and Repairs".